



Kingston Conservation Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting, City Hall Conference Room 1
Or by phone (845) 334-3999, dial 855 at prompt; Must pre-arrange with Chair
Minutes
Date: July 8, 2014 6:30pm

Call to Order: 6:37 pm

Board Members

Julie Noble (Chair)
Diane Bonavita
Emilie Hauser
Susan Hereth
Lynn Johnson
Kevin McEvoy (Secretary)
Casey Schwarz
Gregg Swanzey
Arthur Zaczekiewicz (absent)

I. Welcome Guests and Public Comment: No guests and No public comments.

II. Modifications to the Agenda: None

III. May and June 2014 Meeting Minutes:

- a. **June Minutes:** Upon motion duly made by Susan and seconded by Casey the June 2014 minutes were approved unanimously by those present;
- b. **May Minutes:** Upon motion duly made by Susan and seconded by Casey the May 2014 minutes were approved by a 7-0 vote with Emilie abstaining;

IV. Old Business

- a. **Natural Resources Inventory/Open Space and Habitat Summary** – Next steps, website posting, sharing data: Documents can be reviewed and downloaded at:
<http://www.ci.kingston.ny.us/content/76/6654/6656/8234/8288/default.aspx>

As an action item, Susan will contact Wayne Platte, Planning Chairperson, about scheduling a Planning Board presentation and a joint training between the CAC and the Planning Board regarding the Ulster County beta version parcel viewer and to contact Dennis Doyle and/or Amanda LaValle regarding such training session. One goal for CAC is the Habitat Summary and Significant Habitat maps to go on the parcel viewer as a layer.

- b. **Comprehensive Plan** –Jennifer Schwartz is preparing a cover memo for email delivery by Kristen Wilson of draft comprehensive plan comments from the Comp Plan Interest Group to Planning Dept and the consultants on July 14; Comments within CAC scope include (i) Climate Action Plan, Planning for Rising Waters Tidal Waterfront Report, Green Infrastructure & Sustainability including resiliency, Open Space & Environmental Stewardship and Emilie's edits of Arthur's comments and text for Guiding Principles all to be collated by Julie; (ii) Draft vision prepared by Kevin with referenced governmental support and legislative intent together with Emilie's text for Guiding Principles;

- c. **Climate Smart Kingston Resolution** - Status and Next steps: Resolution #120 review resulted in no motions made and no resolutions presented. Julie will follow up on next steps as an action item.
- d. **Fall Conference Planning Overview:** Julie and Arthur discussed a Friday date in November with the event to be a regional CAC “business to business” event having a keynote address by the Director of NYSACC and the Kingston CAC to showcase its initiatives. Demand, agenda, possibility of event fee and the timing of a fall date as perhaps too close to NYS Conference on the Environment in Binghamton Oct 2-4 require more review; No motions made and no resolutions presented.
- e. **CAC Retreat**-Thursday July 31 5:30-8:30 Vision and plan for CAC for the next year. Possible agenda items are:
 - a. Discussion regarding the process for an open space plan, NRI, Open Space Index, GML Section 239-y
 - b. Budget
 - c. Visioning for next year and a half with goals to accomplish
 - d. Cultivating additional members
 - e. Review past initiatives that have been successful and which were tabled
 - f. Relationship with planning board and review process
 - g. Officer position descriptions

V. Reports and Announcements

- a. Communications Working Sub-Committee: Cool City Café July 16 at the Kirkland from 6-9PM. A poster is to be distributed announcing the event. Renewable energy and energy efficiency are main topics.
- b. Ulster County Loan programs for Energy Conservation info event July 9
- c. Climate Smart Energy advocates have tables at the Farmer’s Market 7-26, 8-2, 8-9
- d. EMC Liaison: Emilie attended June Ulster County EMC, parcel viewer discussed
- e. Planning Board Meeting Liaison: Casey gave a brief report; no new applications within CAC scope
- f. Public Safety Meeting Liaison: Kevin to attend July 23 meeting
- g. East Strand Streetscapes: Update by Gregg on RFP
- h. Rondout Watershed: Kevin reported briefly regarding an end of year roll out with public participation events; 15 subwatersheds including Esopus and Ulster; next meeting 8-26 at Esopus Town Hall

VI. Adjournment: Upon motion made by Susan and seconded by Casey, the council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:50PM.